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# LAST CHANGE

Eagles try to win final  
home game of the season  
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# OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

GS to use new  
payroll system  
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# WHO LET THE DOG OUT?

GSUPD's police dog  
becomes re-certified  
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Thursday      Friday      Saturday      Sunday

			
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Weather Bar

Sure, we're 0-9, but the sun's showing up and showing out for our last home game and so should we! It'll be in the high 70s on Saturday with a small chance of rain. Let's hope this sunny day will bode well for the Eagles!

TRACK STAR TURNED  
GOD STAR

LA’KAI WHATLEY, 23-YEAR-OLD SENIOR,  
MARKETING AND SALES MAJOR

BY JAREN STEPHENS  
The George-Anne contributor

Former track star at St. Augustine University, La’Kai gave his life over to Christ after facing trouble in December 2015. La’Kai transferred to Georgia Southern University and began running his new track with Christ. Since then, he has created a Christian faith based organization called Free4all. Free4all is committed to spreading non-judgement and God’s love to students, faculty, community, alumni

and more. About seven weeks ago, La’Kai decided to take a new approach to reach more people. Every Wednesday La’Kai began handing out #LifeWithLa’Kai flyers with inspirational quotes. Students from all backgrounds can benefit from La’Kai’s messages, because they come from his passion for people, as well as his dedication to positivity through Christ. Catch La’Kai passing out flyers in the Union or praising God with Free4all on Wednesday’s in Russell Union 2054 at 7:30 p.m.



JAREN STEPHENS

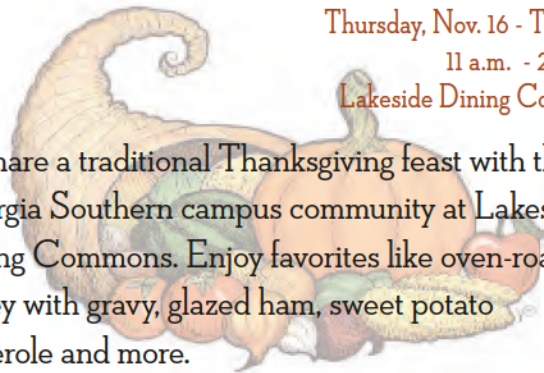
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Lakeside Dining Commons

Share a traditional Thanksgiving feast with the Georgia Southern campus community at Lakeside Dining Commons. Enjoy favorites like oven-roasted turkey with gravy, glazed ham, sweet potato casserole and more.

FALL  
VIDEO GAME  
SHOWCASE

Thursday, Nov.16 – TODAY  
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
IT Building Room 3208

The Aurora Game Development Club will host the Fall Video Game Showcase. The games created over this semester, as well as in past semesters will be showcased. There will be free food and prizes, so, come play our games and bring a friend along.



# #WhereAtSouthern



Good job Devon Conyers (@dvo\_95) for sending in the right place - the Irish famine memorial plaque near Henderson Library!

Keep checking the Tuesday paper when we get back from break, and follow @gsstudentmedia on Instagram or @SeenAtSouthern on Twitter to never miss a puzzle. Guessing correctly gets you featured in the paper!



Join the Reflector Community in their journey through "The Reaction of Reading a Spoiler." Check out the stages of spoiler grief at [reflectorgsu.com](http://reflectorgsu.com), and follow @reflectorgsu on Facebook so you catch all the latest stories!



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## KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW ABOUT STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT EVENTS, DESIGNED WITH YOU IN MIND.

### Don't Wait! It's time to reapply for 2018/2019 Federal Financial Aid!

Students planning to attend and receive financial aid for Fall 2018, Spring 2019, or Summer 2019 must reapply for financial aid by completing the 2018/2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

- You can now complete your 2018/2019 FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- You will use 2016 tax information for the 2018/2019 FAFSA.
- Georgia Southern University's school code for the FAFSA is 001572.

The priority date for the 2018/2019 FAFSA is February 1, 2018. It is important to apply by the priority date because funds are limited for some campus need-based financial aid. Avoid the long lines next summer! Reapply early! If you have questions, contact our office at 912-478- 5413 or email a Financial Aid Counselor at [finaid@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:finaid@georgiasouthern.edu).

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The hybrid class review is used as the basis for the study sessions.

80% of the students attending a study session pass MATH 1111 with at least a C.

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Seating is limited, register early! Anyone not registered will be allowed to stay only if seats are available.

- Monday, November 28, 2:30-3:30 PM, Mr. Jeff Taylor
- Monday, November 28, 4:00-5:00 PM, Ms. Jackie Varnell
- Tuesday, November 29, 9:00-10:00 PM, Mr. Jeff Taylor
- Tuesday, November 29, 5:45-6:45 PM, Ms. Jackie Varnell
- Wednesday, November 30, 1:30-2:30 PM, Ms. Jackie Varnell

### UPB Presents: Annual Lighting of Sweetheart Circle

The University Programming Board is hosting the annual Lighting of Sweetheart Circle on Thursday, November 30th at 4:00 p.m. The president of Georgia Southern University will kick off the holiday season with the official "flipping of the switch" to commemorate the event. Other festivities will include: Refreshments, Music, Snow machine, Ice Skating

The event is free and open to the public. Students, please bring your Eagle IDs. If you need accommodations related to participation, please contact us at least 2 weeks prior to the event. Contact Information: [UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu](mailto:UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu)

### UPB Presents: No Stress Zone

Looking for a way to de-stress before finals? The University Programming Board presents No Stress Zone. Enter our No Stress Zone where we have aqua massage beds, paraffin wax, an oxygen bar, smoothie bar and light snacks to revitalize your day on Monday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. on the Russell Union Ballroom. Bring your friends and let the relaxation begin! This event is free and open to students. Students, please bring your Eagle ID. If you need assistance, related to access for this event, please email: [upb@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:upb@georgiasouthern.edu) at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

### Women & Weights

Every Monday and Wednesday from 8:30-9:30pm  
RAC Conditioning Room, Ends November 15

### Water Polo Free Play

November 15 at 6pm, RAC Aquatics Center  
Water polo equipment will be available for use the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Bring your friends and compete against each other in pick-up games. 912-478-5436

### Open High Challenge Course, November 15 from 7-9pm

The "Open High" program is designed to allow students the opportunity to participate on the High Ropes Challenge Course without the need to organize a group. These programs take place on preset dates and times. All you have to do is pre-register and show up. Check the CRI calendar to find out when the next Open High Challenge Course is!  
[southernadventures@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:southernadventures@georgiasouthern.edu)

### Try Archery, November 16 from 6:30-8pm, SSEC

The Try Archery is for anyone that wishes to discover the thrill of shooting a bow. Our certified coaches will teach the basics of shooting a bow as well as the required safety practices and techniques. Recurve bows will be used exclusively and the program fee includes equipment rental.  
[ssec@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:ssec@georgiasouthern.edu)

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## Dining options needed for growing campus



### RYAN REDDING

Ryan is a senior marketing major from Bloomingdale, Ga.

Last year the George-Anne's current Editor-in-Chief, Jozsef Papp, wrote an article discussing how students deserve more dining options. When I first read his article I remember rolling my eyes and thinking "We have a Chick-fil-A, sandwich shop and Gus Mart that serve sushi, what more could we need?"

At this time I was eating lunch on campus about once every couple weeks. Since I had a long break I was able to either eat at my apartment or

travel to an off campus restaurant. I loved the days when I got to bite into a Chick-fil-A nugget or a Godfather sandwich on campus during my break, something about not having to leave the university to get my meal just made the day easier.

This semester however I chose to only give myself an hour in between classes so I could get the day over with sooner, therefore I eat on campus at least three times a week. For the first month I was loving life, I rotated between Chick-fil-A, Market Street Deli and Gus Mart sushi smiling during every bite. As the weeks dragged on however I began to realize that Papp may have been right. Georgia Southern University, especially compared to other universities around Georgia, has a severely limited amount of dining options for students.

Georgia Southern University is soon to be the third biggest college in all of Georgia. As Papp stated in his article, UGA has 23 dining locations for students, Georgia Tech has 17, and Georgia State has

19 while Georgia Southern offers only eight. These restaurants are very spread out and attract a large number of students during lunch time, making wait times unbearable.

While Chick-fil-A may be the greatest restaurant on Earth, no matter how much you love it, eating there multiple times a week will eventually get tiring. Your other options are waiting forty minutes for a sandwich in the IT building or spending up to \$12 on sushi. While the sushi is delicious, it is not very filling and if you decide to go to Market Street Deli you risk being late to class since they can only make up to twelve sandwiches at a time.

Tapingo may speed up the process slightly, but students are still having to wait upwards of half an hour just to get their meal. While it may cost a lot up front, investing in more dining options on campus is something that everyone (including staff) would support. I asked a few Eagles whether they thought their campus needed a few more dining options and here is what they had to say:

### RENEE PATRICK

Junior marketing major - Johns Creek, Ga

"We could have more just because a lot of people like to eat a lot of different foods and have a lot of different dietary needs. Also, the lines are always really long at the places we do have so I feel like if we have more our student population could disperse and eat at different places."

### BRIANA RIGGS

Freshman undeclared - Spring eld, Ga

"I just feel like the dining options we do have are very low quality. The emphasize health, but we do not have a lot of good healthy options, but we have mediocre healthy options. There is not a lot of food diversity. I have eaten chicken fingers the past three days, literally. I [was served] a raw omelet the other day [from the Dining Commons], it was gross. A lot of the food is not cooked well, especially in the Dining Commons. I have to eat there because I have a dining plan, but they close all of the options at 7 p.m., so after then all you can eat is pizza, and I don't eat pizza."

### LEAH BIRDSONG

Senior psychology major - Stone Mountain, Ga

"We definitely deserve more dining options, especially since our campus is expanding. We built a building last year and we are building one now, but we have yet to build something involving food in a while. Not everyone wants to eat fried food all the time or food that is not even good especially since we are paying for it. A meal plan here is extreme for you to have food that is mediocre and to eat the same food over and over again. I know that I would not want to pay for the Dining Commons out of pocket. I know at Chick-fil-A we have a rush, people are rushing to get to class, and they stand in that long line and they're waiting to get their food and they are very anxious."

### ERIC MOORE

Sophomore accounting major - Hinesville, Ga

"I think there should be more dining options on campus. When I go to different buildings I see usually Gus Mart, Starbucks and Chick-fil-A but other than that there are not too many different options. We have a diverse group of students and I am sure they would like different options as well."

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# Sniffing out crime

## GETTING TO KNOW GSPD'S POLICE DOG

BY EMMA SMITH

The George-Anne staf

Recently, an honorary team member of the Georgia Southern University Police Department was re-certified for his first time. However, he probably isn't who (or what) you might be thinking of.

Meet Deimos, a three-year-old Dutch Shepherd. He specializes in detecting explosives, and has been working with GSPD for nearly two years now.

### DEIMOS' BACKGROUND

According to Erk McCurdy, a canine handler for GSPD, Deimos was donated from Bulloch County Sheriff's Department and worked in Tampa, FL before joining the GS police force.

"We were lucky because these dogs can cost up to \$12,000 or \$13,000," McCurdy said. "A deputy that worked in Tampa was retiring and decided he wanted to donate Deimos, and he contacted Bulloch County."

McCurdy said that Bulloch County did not have any openings for police dogs at the time, which is how Deimos ended up at GS.

He later received his police dog

certification at Chatham County Sheriff's Department after making excellent marks on his training tests.

### THE TRAINING PROCESS

Since Deimos is trained to sniff out materials used in explosives, his training process is heavily based on locating practice materials.

A bag of black powder that is used to simulate explosives is hidden somewhere in a room. Deimos will have to locate the bag by sniffing it out in order to pass the test.

He uses a special dog toy to help him with training. Once he sniffs out and finds the powder, McCurdy throws him his toy.

McCurdy says Deimos usually trains in Chatham County about three times per month.

"There are certain odors that Deimos hasn't been fully trained on yet and some of the odors he has been exposed to can overwhelm dogs, but he's been doing really well so far," McCurdy said.

### DEIMOS' EXPERIENCE

According to McCurdy, Deimos has not yet experienced a lot of real action here at GS, but mostly false alarms.

"We've had several suspicious packages," McCurdy said. "One of them turned out to be a bagged lunch that somebody left under a tree by the baseball field, and a lot of others have just turned out to be book bags."

Most of Deimos' work consists of patrolling sporting events or events where the governor will be present, McCurdy says.

"We'll go to the Atlanta Falcons games and help them do the sweeps up there before the games," McCurdy said. "We also assist Chatham County at different locations and in return, they'll come up and help us sweep up Paulson Stadium on game day."

McCurdy says he is proud of Deimos since he has made significant progress in his training during his time at GS.



Deimos was donated to Bulloch County Sherif Department, but since they didn't have enough space, he was given to Georgia Southern Police Department.

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# CLOCKIN' IN

## CHANGES COMING TO GS PAYROLL

BY BRENDAN WARD  
The George-Anne staf

Georgia Southern University is changing their payroll system for all employees starting in December.

The new payroll system goes live Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017 for bi-weekly and hourly employees, such as student employees and and Jan. 1, 2018 for monthly employees and faculty, for example professors.

The new system is called OneUSG Connect.

### ONEUSG CONNECT

OneUSG Connect is a new payroll system that the entire University System of Georgia is adopting in an attempt to have a system wide payroll system.

"OneUSG [Connect] is a system wide initiative to develop and implement a consistent approach to policies, procedures and technology solutions that benefits all entities of the University System of Georgia," Denis Gebara, director of employee relations, said.

The new system will will affect all employees of GS including student employees, non-students employees and faculty, though it will not impact employee pay schedules.

For employees, the process to clock in and out will be very similar, though the new system is supposed to bring more functionality, Kim Brown, project manager for OneUSG Connect, said.

Most of the changes in the new system will be on the back end in Human Resources, Budget Office and Payroll, Brown said.

Gebara does not want employees to worry about the new payroll system.

"Don't be nervous. The biggest thing to know is that the change is coming and you will just need to log into a different system to get paid," Gebara said. "How you enter your time now is going to be really similar to what you do now."

### NEW FEATURES

The new system brings a variety of functions that were lacking in the current payroll system, the Automatic Data Process system.

Some of the new features include:

- A mobile friendly interface that has a streamlined system that resembles a mobile app
- The ability to request time off and edit personal information including: pay stubs, direct deposit and benefits on a mobile phone.
- The ability to access payroll and benefits from a mobile device
- Single single on and no passwords needed to login
- Easy time entry for students with multiple jobs

### ADP

OneUSG Connect will replace GS' current ADP system, which has been in place since 2009.

ADP is being replaced because of cost concerns and the fact that the technical structure was not up to today's technical standards, Gebara said.

The new system is also expected to save the USG money since the university system will own the new system. Though the exact amount of saving is unknown at this time.

"We have not been given an amount of savings," Brown said. "Generally the savings will be realized because the USG owns the system rather than contracting for the service."

### UNDERSTANDING THE NEW SYSTEM

There are a variety of programs available for students to learn about the new system.

"There are a lot of resources available to employees: a website, multiple YouTube Videos, training sessions, upcoming instructional emails and open labs," Gebara said. "We are even working with IT to join up with MyTechHelp as a place to go ask questions if you need assistance. That isn't available, yet, but that announcement will be coming out soon."

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### DENIS GEBARA

Director of employee relations for the University System of Georgia

The MyTechHelp page is not up yet, but when it goes live, the page is designed to be a centralized help center for anyone experiencing difficulties with OneUSG Connect.

### REACTIONS

Samantha Poffenberger, sophomore theatre major, works at the GS scene shop and supports the new payroll system.

"I don't think it's completely 'necessary' because the system we have now works not amazingly well, but it works," Poffenberger said. "However, there are issues with our current system and I've heard stories from other friends working on campus that they have had bigger problems than I've had, so in their cases maybe it is necessary that [GS] switch."

Taylor Mount, sophomore multimedia film production major works at Starbucks on campus and does not see much difference between the two systems.

"I like that we don't have to memorize the number, but it's not too big of a difference, we just get to swipe our card now," Mount said.

Managers at the on-campus Chick-fil-Aand Starbucks, as well as the executive director of Eagle Dining and the general manager of the Dining Commons were reached for comment, but we unable to answer due to university policy.

# Breakfast at Big Ma's

## Getting To Know The Next Mayor Of Statesboro

**BY BRETT DANIEL**  
The George-Anne staf

The George-Anne recently sat down with Mayor-Elect Jonathan McCollar for a hearty breakfast at Big Ma's Soul Food Restaurant, where McCollar talked about his campaign, the future of Georgia Southern University and his plans for the city of Statesboro. Below is a list of questions we asked McCollar, in addition to his responses. Topics covered include McCollar's reaction to winning the election, how he plans to establish relationships with students at GS and his goals for diversity and quality of life in Statesboro.

### Brief Background

**Q: Regarding the election, were you surprised that you won?**  
A: "Not really. And the reason why I say that is because we firmly believed there were more people who believed the way we did. It was just a matter of working to get those individuals to the polls. I believe that most people in our community want to see a more inclusive community across the board. I believe people recognize that wages are low and that's something we have to address. The things that we stood for, most people in the city believe them.

“What data told us is that, historically, Statesboro has gone in a progressive direction. If you look at past elections,

THE ONE THING THAT I LOVE ABOUT IT IS THAT WE KEPT EVERYTHING ABOVE THE BOARD. WE STAYED RESPECTFUL OF EACH OTHER. WE JUST RAN ON THE ISSUES, AND THAT'S ONE THING I REALLY APPRECIATE FROM BOTH OF THEM."

**JONATHAN MCCOLLAR**  
Mayor-Elect of Statesboro

Barack Obama won Statesboro, Hillary Clinton won Statesboro. It was just Bulloch County that they weren't winning. But the city itself is extremely progressive. The 'a-ha moment' for us was that [we realized] the people are much more advanced than the leadership. I believe we are very progressive because we have Georgia Southern University, East Georgia and Ogeechee Tech. We've got young minds pushing the envelope. That's the one thing that's extremely exciting about it. Were we nervous? Yeah. But we fundamentally believe that our campaign spoke for the people."

**Q: Jan Moore is the first female mayor in Statesboro history. You will be the first African-American mayor in Statesboro history. What does that mean to you?**  
A: "It comes with a responsibility, but at the same time, my goal is to make sure that we are a great city for EVERYBODY. It's exciting to have that novelty attached to it, but with that being

said, the goal is to make sure that we become a city that is fighting for all families across the board and that we're a city that's inclusive of all people."

**Q: Your campaign slogan was to put the "people over politics." How will you make sure the students of Georgia Southern University are apart of those people?**  
A: "This is a key piece of it. My campaign? We're on this as we're setting up our commissions. As a matter of fact, it's what I was working on this morning - putting together our transition team. With our commissions, we've got allocated seats specifically for Georgia Southern students to be apart of the conversations we're talking about. The mission of these commissions will be to go out and realize the vision that the campaign set out. We're talking about youth development, diversity, equity and inclusion. We're talking about economic sustainability and things of that nature. Georgia Southern students will have allotted seats on those commissions. What we're going to do is allow the student population to decide how those seats are going to work out. We're in the process of planning that now. We were the only campaign that said, 'No, we want the Georgia Southern students as a part of the decision-making process.'"

**Q: Ever since the unfortunate and untimely death of one Michael Gatto, underage drinking has been a rather sensitive topic here in Statesboro, yet the activity continues to happen. Do you see**

**JONATHAN MCCOLLAR**  
will be the first African-American mayor in Statesboro's history.

**underage drinking as a problem and if so, how would you deal with it?**  
A: "Yes, it is a big issue, but at the same time, it's an issue that's been going on for decades within this community. The only difference with the Michael Gatto situation was that Michael's family was in a position to be able to fight back and push for reform within the city. Since the time that I was in college, we've seen these issues - the underage drinking, the deaths at the club and things of that nature - it's been a long-time issue. Now, as the mayor of the city, I can encourage young people - 'Hey, look, if you're not old enough to drink, not to drink' - but do I think I'm going to be able to stop it in totality? No. But at the same time, I want to make sure it's our responsibility to make our city as safe as possible. As a matter of fact, I was talking to a student on campus and she pointed out that, if you're not 21, there's no outlet here for [minors] to be able to get out and enjoy [themselves] in a similar capacity to those that are above the drinking age. I think that's a unique opportunity for businesses and the community to get out and provide some alternative things. One thing that immediately jumps to my mind is a Dave and Buster's. That would be great here because we've got a young population that would definitely utilize it. Across the board, I think that we've got to think outside of the region as far as what we can attract to the area that can facilitate that. It's a tremendous opportunity."

**Q: In conclusion, what are your aspirations for the great city of Statesboro, a place that people love, cherish and call their home?**  
A: "Overall, I want to see the quality of life increase tremendously for people across the board. That's what my ultimate goal is. I will admit, I'm going to be a little selfish because, at the end of the day, when I'm sitting on my rocking chair, I don't want to have to think about my grandkids in a city far away because they didn't have opportunities here. I want to be able to go across town and see my grandkids when I want to. At the end of the day, what I want is opportunity and quality of life for everybody across the board. I think Statesboro is a unique southern jewel and I think we need to tap into what makes it special and create a future that's bright for everyone."

For the full Q&A, visit [thegeorgeanne.com](http://thegeorgeanne.com)





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# SENIORS LOOKING FOR ELUSIVE WIN IN FINAL PAULSON STADIUM OUTING

BY THOMAS JILK AND  
MCCLAIN BAXLEY  
The George-Anne sta

As the Eagles play in Paulson for the final time of the historic 2017 season, they'll look to continue their undefeated history against the South Alabama Jaguars.

After losing to both of their formidable rivals in back-to-back games, the Eagles will have a chance on Senior Day to knock off what some see as a vulnerable team in the 4-6 Jaguars.

## MOVING THE PILE

It is no secret that Georgia Southern ran the ball deliberately to try and kill the clock last week against a high-powered App State team. This week, the Eagles will have to get a more consistent push from the offensive line if they want to have success in the run game.

The Jaguars rank 44th nationally in rushing defense. In his last game in Paulson, senior L.A. Ramsby will need to continue his steady contribution on the ground. He's averaging 44 yards on 11 carries per game. Expect Ramsby to lead the charge with Fields and Werts also contributing as usual.

## THE PASS FACTOR

The Eagles could return to the gameplan they approached Georgia State with. In his best game of his career, Werts went 22-for-28 passing for 147 yards and a touchdown. 28 passes is substantial for an option offense that attacked another solid rushing defense in the Panthers.

GS will need to get athletes Malik Henry, Myles Campbell and Wesley Kennedy III involved in the offense often if they want to have success against South Alabama.

And the coaching staff shouldn't be hesitant to play quarterback Kado Brown.

The junior college transfer has had shining moments when given the opportunity, and if Werts struggles as he did against App State, GS head coach Chad Lunsford will likely give Brown more snaps.

## DEFENSIVE KEYS

On the defensive side of the ball, senior linebacker Chris DeLaRosa and senior defensive lineman Darius Sapp will look to continue production in their final outing in Paulson. DeLaRosa has come up big this season with 28 solo tackles and

two interceptions.

To have a chance to win on Saturday, DeLaRosa and the defense must force the Jaguars into some turnovers. Junior safety Joshua Moon and sophomore cornerback Monquavion Brinson will play key roles in coverage trying to snag interceptions and force fumbles.

## SENIOR FAREWELL

Georgia Southern is 27-5 in Senior Day games, and the Eagles have won seven of the past eight.

On offense, Ramsby, Campbell, running back Demarcus Godfrey, tight end Ross Alexander and lineman Chris Washington will all be competing for the last time in Paulson Stadium. Look for Lunsford to find them all minutes, even if some aren't regular contributors.

On defense, DeLaRosa and Sapp will be out to try steal a win in their final home contest just as last year's senior class did against Troy.

Punter Matt Flynn has visibly improved his consistency and distance this season, and he will look to pin the Jaguars deep in their own territory as much as possible before he finishes his GS career.

## SCOUTING REPORT

South Alabama's best two conference wins came over Troy and Arkansas State, two teams that have already gotten the better of GS this season.

The Jaguars will be without starting running back Xavier Johnson for the rest of the season, as he violated team rules and was suspended. He had six touchdowns and 470 rushing yards before the mishap.

Wide receiver Jamarious Way averages almost 18 yards per catch, and GS has been susceptible to deep-threat receivers this year. Look for Jaguar quarterback Cole Garvin to try to hit Way over the top.

On defense, safety Jeremy Reaaves has 84 tackles this season to lead the Jaguars. As mentioned, their rushing defense has been stifling, and it will likely be tough sledding for Eagle runners to find gaps in their front seven.

## GAME DETAILS

The game at Paulson Stadium will kick off at 3 p.m. and will be broadcast on ESPN3.

The Eagles will be looking for their first win of the season this Saturday against South Alabama. Kick off will be at 3 p.m. in Paulson Stadium.





# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## VICTORIOUS IN HOME OPENER 68-63

**BY KAITLIN SELLS**  
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern women's basketball team was victorious in its home opener on Monday night for the second year in a row. With the help of a 15-2 fourth quarter, the Eagles were able to pull a 68-63 win from the close game over the College of Coastal Georgia Mariners.

### FIRST HALF

Both teams came out strong, shooting a combined 50 percent from 3-point range and headed to the second quarter tied at 22 points.

In the second quarter both teams began to have a problem making shots - only four points were scored from each team in the first five minutes. Junior forward Alexis Foulks then broke an 0-of-7 dry spell by draining a three-pointer from beyond the arc for the Eagles, giving the home team a 36-35 leg up on the Mariners.

Although they pushed their lead even farther with a sunken free

throw from Rhein Beamon, Coastal Georgia gained the lead again with a three-pointer scored in the final four seconds of the half, leaving the Eagles trailing 38-37.

### SECOND HALF

The Eagles came out shooting another dry spell in the third quarter going 0-of-12 from the floor, until sophomore guard Jakayvea Akins found the net just six seconds before the quarter ended.

The points from the end of that quarter seemed to spark a fire in the Eagles, as they went on a 15-2 run over the Mariners, earning them a 64-57 lead with two and a half minutes remaining in the game. To seal the deal, sophomore guard Nakol Franks drained a 3-pointer with 1:08 left, leaving the Eagles victorious.

"I thought we came out in the second half and guarded a lot harder, which is what we challenged them to do," GS head coach Kip Drown told gseagles.com. "We were just trying to keep our head above water until we could get going."

### ANALYSIS

Franks led the Eagles with 13 points- all in the second half, trailed by Sierra Butler with 10 points. The Eagles finished the game shooting 35.6 percent from the floor, and hitting 20-of-32 free-throws from the line for a 62.5 percent clip.

### NEXT UP

The 1-1 Eagles' next matchup will be on the road as they face the Mercer University Bears on Thursday Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. in Macon, Georgia.

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Sophomore Nakol Franks lays it in at Hanner Fieldhouse. The Eagles' next contest will be Nov. 16 at Mercer.



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- 7 Extinct flightless bird
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- 15 Mouse catcher
- 16 Classic card game
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- 35 Champions
- 38 Guide
- 41 Mardi Gras follower
- 42 Lucy’s husband
- 43 Delirious
- 46 Binding agreement
- 50 Fourth-to-last Greek letter
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- 23 Oration station
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- 30 Former Mideast inits.
- 32 “That’s it!”
- 33 Astronaut John
- 36 “Mârrouf” baritone
- 37 Scout group
- 39 “C” \_\_\_\_ la vie!”
- 40 Tire filler
- 42 Thresholds
- 43 Tach measurement
- 44 “I thought so!”
- 45 Wine designation
- 46 “Ta-ta!”
- 47 Belgian port
- 48 Company V.I.P.
- 49 Bygone airline
- 52 Julius Caesar, etal.
- 55 Long period
- 57 Took a load off
- 59 Hitching place
- 61 Mountain lion
- 62 Old gangster’s gun
- 63 Regret
- 64 Luau souvenir
- 66 Bottle topper
- 67 Soap ingredient
- 68 Fine-grained wood

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- 1 18-wheeler
- 2 Piece of history
- 3 Small croquette
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- 5 \_\_\_\_ Speedwagon
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